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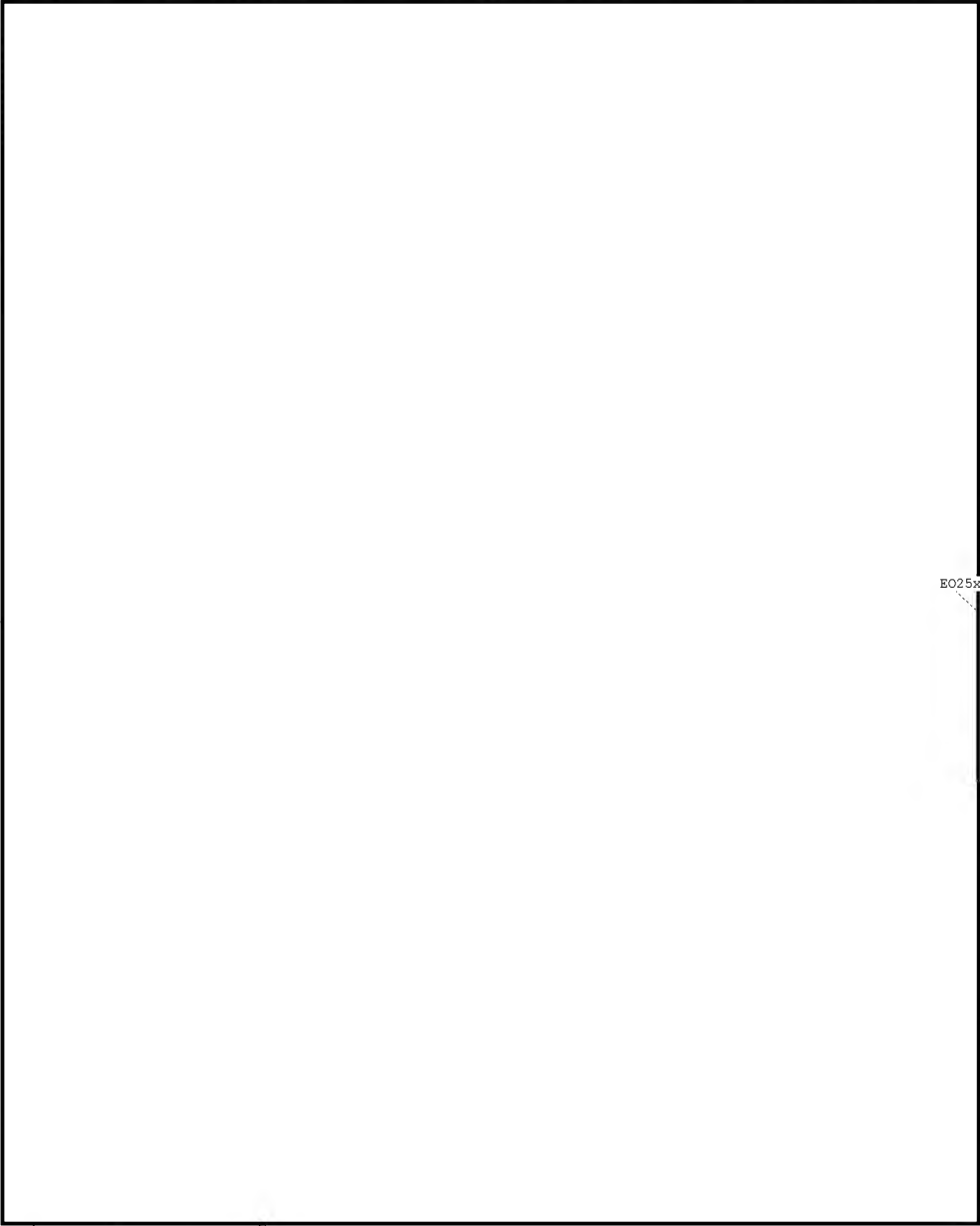
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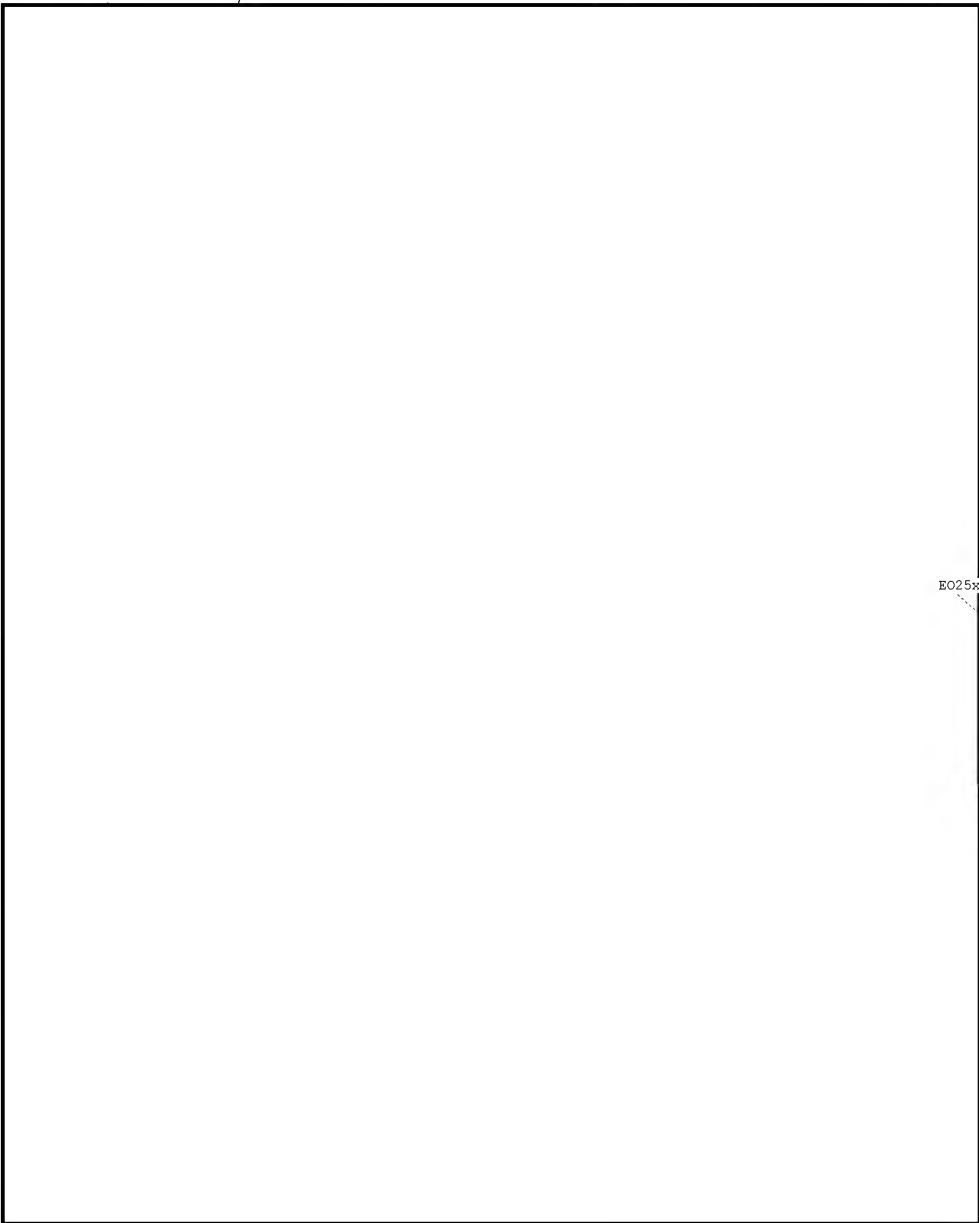
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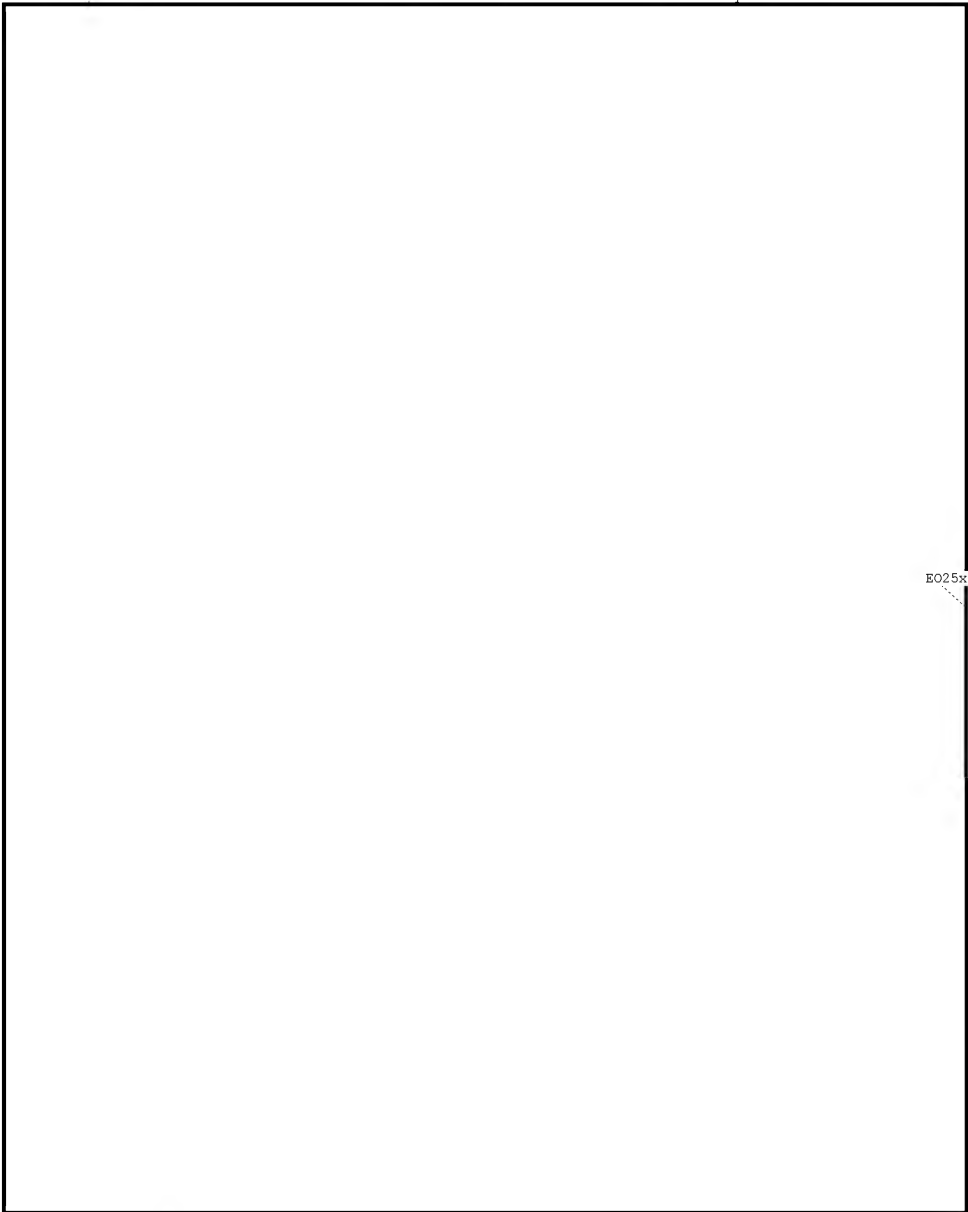
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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT

ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS OF THE

REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA (JCR) AND THE "MONTONEROS"

SUMMARY:

DISCOUNTS A REPORT

THAT THE ARGENTINE "MONTONEROS" AND THE REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA (JCR) RECENTLY CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT [REDACTED] THE ARGENTINES ALSO ARE SKEPTICAL THAT THE JCR HAS FORMED A [REDACTED] COORDINATING COMMITTEE [REDACTED] TO ORIENT GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA IN KEEPING WITH [REDACTED] DIRECTION. [REDACTED] DOES NOT

BELIEVE THAT THE ORGANIZATIONALLY DECREPIT JCR IS CAPABLE OF INFLUENCING "MONTONERO" STRATEGY AND ACTION, OR THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WOULD LEAVE THE PLANNING OF CONTINENTAL REVOLUTIONARY STRATEGY IN THE HANDS OF THE JCR. END SUMMARY.

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[REDACTED] HAS RESPONDED SKEPTICALLY TO

[REDACTED] THE CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA (JCR). [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THE JCR RECENTLY HAD CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT
[REDACTED] WITH THE ARGENTINE "MONTONEROS!" [REDACTED]

THE JCR HAD FORMED A [REDACTED] COORDINATING COMMITTEE [REDACTED] BOTH TO
BROADEN THE JCR'S INFLUENCE IN LATIN AMERICA AND TO SUPPORT THE
ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH [REDACTED]
PLANNING AND DIRECTION.

2. CONCERNING THE REPORTED UNIFICATION BETWEEN THE "MONTONEROS" AND
THE JCR, [REDACTED] NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM SUCH A
MERGER. THE "MONTONEROS" HAVE NEVER BEEN INTERESTED IN UNIFICATION WITH
OTHER ANTI-GOVERNMENT GROUPS, MAINLY BECAUSE THE "MONTONEROS" DISAGREE
ON THE CONCEPT OF REVOLUTIONARY POTENTIAL OF THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE, WHOM
THE "MONTONEROS" CONSIDER TO BE PERONISTS MORE THAN SOCIALISTS. FURTHER,
THE JCR IS SEVERELY WEAKENED AND EXTREMELY DISORGANIZED AT PRESENT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT IS THEREFORE NOT LIKELY THAT
THE "MONTONEROS" WOULD BE INTERESTED IN AN ALLIANCE WITH THE CURRENT
JCR, WHEN IT FOUND NOTHING ATTRACTIVE IN SUCH AN ALLIANCE WHEN THE JCR
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3. [REDACTED] THE IMAGE NOW BEING PROJECTED ABROAD BY THE "MONTONEROS" IS NOT THE RESULT OF THE INFLUENCE OF THE ORGANIZATIONALLY DECREPIT JCR. IT RESULTS FROM THE CREATION IN MARCH 1976 OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECRETARIAT, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF FERNANDO HUGO ~~V A C A~~ ~~NARVAJA~~ ~~(VVASCO)~~. THE LAUNCHING OF THE MONTONERO POLITICAL MOVEMENT [REDACTED] IN 1977 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE [REDACTED] CONFIRMED THIS "MONTONERO" ORIENTATION.

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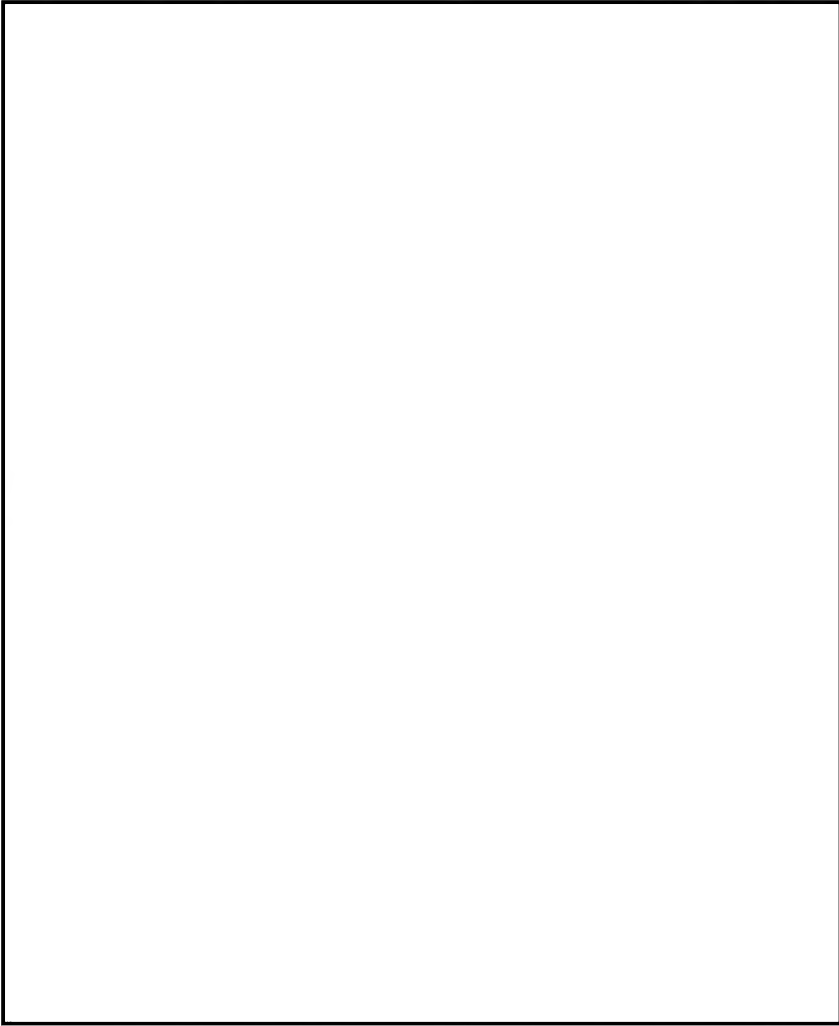
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COUNTRY : ARGENTINA/INTERNATIONAL

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SUBJECT : CONCERN OF ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT OVER ACTIVITIES OF OSCAR
ALENDE, LEADER OF THE INTRANSIGENT POLITICAL PARTY

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THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE INTENSE
POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF OSCAR ALENDE, PRESIDENT OF THE INTRANSIGENT
PARTY, WHO RECENTLY TRAVELED TO SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO
CONSOLIDATE HIS POSITION WITH AND GAIN SUPPORT FROM THE SOCIALIST
INTERNATIONAL.

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2. ALENDE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THIS TRIP BY RETIRED ARMY COLONEL
JUAN JAIME CESIO, FORMER CHIEF OF THE PLANNING AND POLICY SECTION
OF THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF DURING THE GOVERNMENT OF HECTOR
CAMPORA. COLONEL CESIO WAS DISMISSED FROM THIS POST AND RETIRED

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FROM THE ARMY AS A RESULT OF HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE
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SORBONNE, IS AN INTELLECTUAL KNOWN FOR HIS LEFTIST TENDENCIES. AT
THE PRESENT TIME HE IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTRANSIGENT PARTY.

4.

ALENDE'S

TRIP HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE UNREST AMONG INTRANSIGENT PARTY LEADERS,
BECAUSE THEY FEAR THAT ALENDE IS IDENTIFYING HIMSELF TOO CLOSELY
WITH ARGENTINE SUBVERSION AS REPRESENTED BY THE MONTONEROS.

5. ALENDE RETURNED TO ARGENTINA ON 9 OCTOBER 1978, ALTHOUGH

HE SAID PUBLICLY THAT HE HAD OPPOSED THE INVITATION EXTENDED TO THE

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MONTONEROS TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST CONGRESS IN
VANCOUVER, HE DID NOT GIVE THE UNDERLYING REASONS FOR HIS OPPOSITION.
ALENDE LATER [REDACTED] IF HE HAD SUPPORTED THE
MONTONEROS HE WOULD HAVE ALIENATED THE REST OF THE TRADITIONAL
ARGENTINE POLITICAL PARTIES AND HAVE ISOLATED HIS OWN INTRANSIGENT
PARTY. HE ALSO BELIEVES THAT IF HE HAD SUPPORTED THE MONTONEROS,
HIS LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN IN DANGER ON HIS RETURN TO ARGENTINA. HE
HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT ONE OF THE REASONS THE ARMED FORCES ARE
CONSIDERING EXCLUDING THE TRADITIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES FROM PUBLIC
LIFE IS BASED ON THE PREVIOUS TIES POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE HAD WITH
FOREIGN POLITICAL PARTIES OR LABOR MOVEMENTS THAT ARE OPPOSED TO
ARGENTINA'S "TRADITIONAL WESTERN CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE."

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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ARGENTINE MILITARY JUNTA AND
PRESIDENT JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA [REDACTED]

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1. THE FREQUENT MEETINGS AND PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS OF THE ARGENTINE MILITARY JUNTA ARE UNDERMINING PUBLIC RESPECT FOR PRESIDENT JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHEN VIDELA RETIRED AS
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMY ON 31 JULY 1978, HE REQUESTED

AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM LT. GENERAL ROBERTO VIOLA, [REDACTED]

HIS SUCCESSOR, THAT THE JUNTA WOULD NOT MEET AS OFTEN AS IT

HAD IN THE PAST AND THAT THE JUNTA WOULD REFRAIN FROM MAKING

PUBLIC STATEMENTS. VIOLA HAD TOLD VIDELA THAT THE JUNTA WOULD ONLY MEET ONCE A MONTH, BUT INSTEAD THE JUNTA HAS CONTINUED TO MEET FREQUENTLY. [REDACTED] VIDELA

IS TIRED OF HAVING TO ANSWER TO THE JUNTA OVER THE DAY-TO-DAY

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PROBLEMS OF RUNNING THE GOVERNMENT AND IS HAMPERED IN HIS
ABILITY TO RUN THE GOVERNMENT AS A RESULT OF THE LIMITED
AUTHORITY GRANTED HIM AS COMPARED TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED
THE JUNTA. THE JUNTA, HOWEVER, IS SPENDING 90 PERCENT OF
ITS TIME RESOLVING SECONDARY MATTERS AND ONLY 10 PERCENT OF
ITS TIME IS DEVOTED TO MATTERS VITAL TO THE PROGRESS OF THE
NATION. *EX-112*

2. ALTHOUGH VIDELA HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM THE JUNTA
THAT HE WOULD HAVE A FREE HAND IN SELECTING HIS MINISTERS, HE IS
UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM THE NAVY AND THE AIR FORCE. THE
AIR FORCE WOULD LIKE TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALY PERE C O R B A T, ARGENTINE
AMBASSADOR TO BOLIVIA AND A RETIRED AIR FORCE GENERAL, BECOME
FOREIGN MINISTER, BUT THE NAVY DOES NOT WANT TO GIVE UP THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY. VIDELA WOULD LIKE TO NAME MORE CIVILIANS
TO THE CABINET BUT NO BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES WANTS TO
GIVE UP A MINISTRY IT NOW CONTROLS. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT
ONLY THE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY, JUSTICE AND EDUCATION WILL
BE CIVILIANS.

3. VIDELA IS ALSO UNDER PRESSURE FROM DIFFERENT GROUPS
WITHIN THE ARMY. VARIOUS FACTIONS HAVE PROPOSED THREE
CANDIDATES TO REPLACE JUAN JOSE C A T A L A N, WHO RESIGNED
AS MINISTER OF EDUCATION IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1978. TWO
CANDIDATES HAVE ALSO BEEN PROPOSED TO REPLACE BRIGADIER

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GENERAL HORACIO TOMAS ~~L I E N D O~~, MINISTER OF LABOR, WHO
WANTS TO RETURN TO THE ARMY. FOR MINISTER OF EDUCATION,
VIOLA HAS PROPOSED ~~ALBERTO R O D R I G U E Z G A L A N~~,
A LAWYER AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR; MAJOR GENERAL CARLOS
~~ENRIQUE L A I D L A W~~, MINISTER OF PLANNING, HAS PROPOSED
JOSE LUIS ~~C A N T I N I~~, AN ADVISOR TO THE MINISTRY OF
PLANNING AND A FORMER MINISTER OF EDUCATION; AND MAJOR GENERAL
~~ALBANO H A R G U I N D E G U Y~~, MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND
ACTING MINISTER OF EDUCATION, HAS PROPOSED ~~JUAN RAFAEL~~
~~L E R E N A A M A D E O~~, A FORMER UNDERSECRETARY OF
EDUCATION. FOR MINISTER OF LABOR, ONE ARMY GROUP WOULD LIKE
TO HAVE ~~BRIGADIER GENERAL YAMIL R E S T O N~~, COMMANDER OF
THE THIRD INFANTRY BRIGADE OF THE SECOND CORPS AND A CLOSE
ASSOCIATE OF VIOLA, WHILE ANOTHER MORE HARD-LINE FACTION WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE ~~BRIGADIER GENERAL ADOLFO S I G W A L D~~,
ARGENTINE MILITARY ATTACHE TO THE UNITED STATES. VIDELA'S
SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF MULTIPLE CANDIDATES IS TO HAVE
THE JUNTA MAKE THE DECISION.

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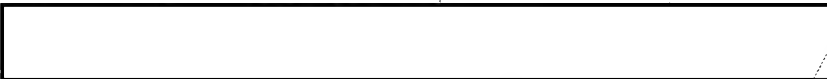


5. VIOLA IS HAVING PROBLEMS FILLING KEY POSITIONS IN
THE ARMY BECAUSE NONE OF THE MAJOR GENERALS WANTS TO BE
REPLACED IN AN IMPORTANT POSITION. ADDITIONALLY, THE
PROMISES VIDELA MADE TO HARDLINE GENERALS TO GAIN THEIR
SUPPORT FOR VIOLA'S CANDIDACY HAVE MADE IT DIFFICULT
FOR VIOLA TO RETIRE ANY OF HIS RIVALS IN THE ARMY. THUS,
AFTER TWO MONTHS IN OFFICE, HE STILL HAS NOT NAMED A CHIEF
OF STAFF.

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